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Dear Governor Cooper:

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is a once-in-a-generation infrastructure project that will unleash the economic potential for Eastern North Carolina and the state as a whole. Its approval is vital to North Carolina's future.

This infrastructure is critical for meeting the state's growing energy needs, giving us the ability to attract new businesses that will create thousands of permanent, good-paying jobs while delivering more affordable energy for our families and businesses. Construction alone will stimulate almost \$700 million in economic activity and create more than 4,000 jobs across Eastern North Carolina.

With only one major natural gas pipeline in the state, North Carolina can't grow without the ACP. The clean and affordable energy it will bring to our state will allow us to compete nationally for new business and new jobs, while enhancing energy security.

Over the past three years, ACP partners have worked with state and federal agencies and maintained open communication with the public, holding countless meetings with communities and property owners. ACP partners have also taken steps to protect the environment, making hundreds of route adjustments to safeguard water sources and wildlife habitats. As a native of Eastern North Carolina, you know firsthand how difficult it has been to attract industry and business to this part of the state. If you support North Carolina jobs and workers, I hope you will join me in supporting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Your leadership on this important issue will benefit North Carolinians for generations to come.

Regards,

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